

Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work -- FY 2001

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Title of Proposal:____ Interpretive Signs and Exhibits About the Endangered Fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin

Background:

Interpretive signs and exhibits at museums and visitor centers are key tools used to educate the general public. Numerous opportunities exist for the Recovery Program to partner with public and private organizations to develop signs and exhibits that will explain the importance of recovering the endangered fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin and some of the actions taking place to accomplish this. Priority for placement of interpretive signs and exhibits will be given to geographic locations where the majority of Recovery Program efforts are taking place, including Vernal, Utah; Grand Junction, Colorado; and Page, Arizona.

Strategies/Dates:

1. Develop a proposal packet that describes various types of signs and exhibits, identifies associated costs and explains the Recovery Program.
Responsibility: I & E Coordinator
Completion Date: October 5, 2000, I&E Committee (present draft)
November 1, 2000 (packet completed)
2. Identify and contact organizations at targeted locations to discuss creation and placement of interpretive materials, including existing facilities such as the Field House Museum and Ouray National Wildlife Refuge in Vernal and the new Audubon Society Visitor Center slated to be built in Grand Junction in the near future.
Responsibility: I&E Coordinator/I&E Committee/Recovery Program Staff
Completion Date: Ongoing

3. Request funding assistance from other organizations such as: FWS Refuge Division, National Park Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and private corporations.
Responsibility: I&E Coordinator/I&E Committee/Recovery Program Staff
____ Completion Date: Ongoing
4. Develop, place and fund interpretive signs and exhibits.
Responsibility: I&E Coordinator/Recovery Program/Respective partnering organization
Completion Date: Ongoing but to be completed by September 30, 2004

Budget:

____ No cost outside of staff time is anticipated to develop proposal packets and to make contacts to identify locations/partners to develop and place interpretive signs and exhibits. The budget will be used to fund the actual project(s.)

____ \$30,000 FY 2001	(Recovery Program annual funds)
\$30,000 FY 2002	(Recovery Program annual funds)
\$30,000 FY 2003	(Recovery Program annual funds)
\$30,000 FY 2004	(Recovery Program annual funds)

Deliverables:

An annual report detailing accomplishments and expenditures will be completed by early December each year.